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1. South Vietnam

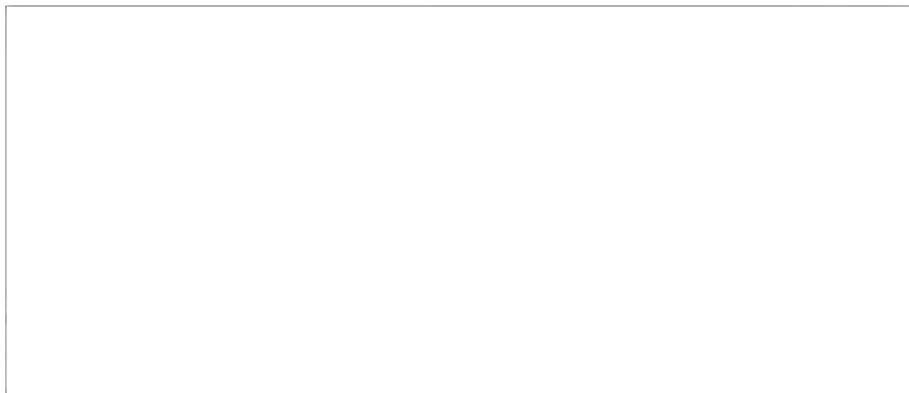
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steps to consolidate government control over the last vestiges of dissidence continue in Saigon, Hué, and Da Nang, and Ky is talking more of recasting his government.

While one step, combining various agencies involved in the pacification program under one "super ministry," appears "logical and constructive" to Ambassador Lodge, a reshuffling of personalities appears to be the principal feature of others. These include kicking upstairs the able foreign minister, Tran Van Do, who would become a deputy prime minister and remain one of the ten civilian members of the ruling directorate.

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2. North Vietnam



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3. France

There are no signs at this point that the talks between De Gaulle and the Soviet leaders have produced anything in the way of unexpected political developments.

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both sides have held to their known positions on major European questions.

Couve de Murville, for instance, has told Ambassador Kohler that De Gaulle emphasized French opposition to the recognition of East Germany. The French president is also reported to have argued against a European security conference at this time.

Ambassador Kohler notes that the use of the word "frank" in the official description of the talks also suggests that the two sides set out differing positions.

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4. Cuba

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5. Dominican Republic

President-elect Balaguer has told the press that he "technically" favors the creation of a permanent Inter-American Peace Force to safeguard the security of the hemisphere. Such a force, he said, could be used to counter the overthrow of constitutional governments. In what appeared to be an oblique reference to the US, Balaguer added that care must be taken to ensure that no one nation enjoys preponderant strength in such a body.

Balaguer also said that it may take from one to three months to get the Dominican peace force withdrawn.

The announcement on the composition of the new cabinet will not be made until inauguration day.

6. Arab World

King Faysal's stock in the Arab world has shot up markedly as a result of the furor in New York over his statement on Israel. Even some radical leftist and pro-Nasir papers have come to Faysal's support, although there is criticism of the mildness of his reaction to the "insult."

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7. Bolivia

The Bolivian armed forces have been put on a state of alert through election day--3 July. This follows General Ovando's announcement yesterday that two of the political parties on the left were planning disturbances to force postponement of the elections.

US officials on the scene in La Paz believe that this scare situation initiated by Ovando is not warranted and will only tend to militate against peaceful elections. The conclusion then is that this is one more example of Ovando trying to cause trouble for Barrientos.

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